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State Sen. Ira Silverstein, D-Chicago, disputed accusations aired at a hearing Tuesday.

Senator's accuser: Protest ignored

Victims' advocate airs account at hearing on sexual harassment bill

By KIM GEIGER AND MONIQUE GARCIA
Chicago Tribune

A victims' rights advocate on Tuesday publicly accused a state senator of sexual harassment and said her complaint fell on deaf ears at the Capitol for nearly a year.

Denise Rotheimer, an activist for victims of violent crime who is running as a Republican for a Lake County Illinois House seat, told lawmakers at a hearing that Democratic Sen. Ira Silverstein of Chicago made unwanted comments about her appearance, sent her hundreds of Facebook messages and placed midnight phone calls.

In an interview, Silverstein disputed the accusations, saying he apologizes "if I made her uncomfortable" but that he's waiting until the complaint process is concluded before saying anything more.

A spokesman for Democratic Senate President John Cullerton said "it is our understanding there is an open investigation" at the General Assembly's ethics investigations agency. The legislative inspector general's office, which has been without a permanent leader since mid-2014, operates largely in secret.

Rotheimer made the allegations during a Chicago hearing on a measure that would boost requirements for training for government officials about sexual harassment.

Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan proposed

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'COWARDLY ACT OF TERROR' KILLS 8

Driver mows down victims in NYC, leaves note praising ISIS



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Responders help a victim after a man in a rental truck ran over pedestrians and cyclists Tuesday in lower Manhattan. At least 11 were injured.

By COLLEEN LONG AND JAKE PEARSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A man in a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial Tuesday, killing at least eight and injuring 11 others in what the mayor called "a particularly cowardly act of terror."

The driver was shot in the abdomen by police and taken into custody after jumping out of the truck with what turned out to be paintball gun and a pellet gun and shouting "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great" in Arabic, officials said.

The man underwent surgery and was expected to survive.

Two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity identified the attacker as 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov, an Uzbek immigrant who came to the U.S. in 2010. He has a Florida driver's license and had lived in Tampa, officials said.



The driver of the Home Depot rental truck barreled along a bike path for the equivalent of about 14 blocks before hitting a school bus.

He had been living in Paterson, N.J., and he rented the vehicle in that state before driving it into Manhattan, officials said.

Inside the rental truck, investigators found a handwritten note in which Saipov had declared his

allegiance to the Islamic State group, according to officials.

There was no indication that Islamic State, also known as ISIS, had directed the attack, but the group has called on its supporters in Western countries to launch

their own attacks using anything, including vehicles.

President Donald Trump posted a series of tweets late Tuesday about the incident, including one that said he was moving to further tighten screening of immigrants. "I have just ordered Homeland Security to step up our already Extreme Vetting Program," he wrote.

The driver barreled along the bike path for the equivalent of about 14 blocks before slamming into a small yellow school bus. The mayhem set off panic in the neighborhood.

Argentina's government said five of the nation's citizens were among the dead. And an official from Belgium tweeted that one of the dead was Belgian. Argentines and Belgians also were wounded.

The New York City schools system said two staff members and two students were injured on the school bus struck by the truck.

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Shari Gray has complained to Flossmoor for years about high water bills. The village's system has been prone to water main breaks.

TRIBUNE INVESTIGATION THE WATER DRAIN

CRACKED PIPES, LOST DOLLARS

Crumbling infrastructure leads to staggering water costs

By PATRICK M. O'CONNELL, CECILIA REYES, TED GREGORY AND ANGELA CAPUTO | Chicago Tribune

Steve Smiley points to a steady flow of water pouring into a playground in west suburban Maywood, convinced he knows the source.

A cracked underground water main pipe, he said, allows water to seep into the basement of a city-owned building next door. It is then pumped into the playground.

Though Smiley has pointed out the problem to city officials, the leak has continued for years, with the water ultimately paid for by Maywood residents.

"Think about it," said Smiley, the Park District's building and grounds supervisor. "That may be your money."

The trickle on the playground is a small part of what has become a river of wasted water in this village. Of the 946 million gallons that Maywood bought from Melrose Park in 2016, 367 million gallons, or 38.7 percent, never made it to taps, costing residents and businesses in this cash-strapped village nearly \$1.7 million. Maywood residents pay one of the region's highest water rates.

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